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POLICING ON DENMAN

by Anthony Gregson

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INFO

Someone said recently that they once met the RCMP at the ferry and told them that, while they weren't too pleased to see them, "we sure need you." There have been some serious issues in the past on Denman such as the Oyster Festival, which was eventually abandoned because of rowdiness, not to mention the drug raids and choppers of pre-legal cannabis. The picture is rather different nowadays.

RCMP met with Denman residents on April 25th at the Activity Centre to update us on plans for the summer. The RCMP have an office on Hornby, but officers posted there, starting on May long weekend, are expected to divide their time between the two islands. Constable Chris McMillan has served the Islands for seven years; he is joined by Constable Dave Thorson.

The two islands are a quiet station. In 2018/19, there only 14 calls involving offenses where police file a report to Crown Counsel, and 38 calls for service, such as roadside assistance (which are not reported). Reportable calls involve Criminal Code offenses to persons or property.

Denman is apparently peaceful compared to the Big island. As far as person offences go in 2018/19, there were no robberies, assaults on police officers, or sexual offenses. There was one assault with intent to cause bodily harm (such as producing a weapon), four threats, and two common assaults (described as usually a fight of some sort). There were no reportables for drug offenses or impaired driving. As far as property offenses go, there was one break-and-enter, no vehicle thefts, and 5 thefts from vehicles. These numbers show

only slight variation from the previous year and are regarded as average. Most of the offenses involved off-island visitors trying a little too hard to relax.

A rather surprising fact was that the Islands Trust never adopted the CVRD animal protection bylaws. That means that they have no power to intervene in animal protection issues. But where there is the possibility of assault or altercation between animal owners, they can intervene, though there are groups that try to resolve such problems on island.

The police don't necessarily have the whole picture. They do not get information on traffic violation tickets which are reported directly to the Province. Car break-ins and damage to vehicles parked over on Buckley Bay must now be reported to ICBC if the damage exceeds \$10,000; below that, these incidents may not be reported to police. But there is no question that Denman West and East ferry terminals are where most vehicle crime occurs.

As police detachments go, there is plenty of availability. The Comox Valley detachment is exceptional in being fully staffed, unlike other

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NEW HORNBY TRADE TOKEN CELEBRATES FIRST NATIONS TOTEM POLE COMM INFO

The Hornby Island Trade Token is in its second year. It is a Municipal Trade Token with a face value of \$20.00, and will be valid in trade on Hornby Island, British Columbia with participating merchants and artisans until it expires, October 31, 2019. An accompanying 1 1/4" Pin of the Island and Orca side (\$3.00) will also be available. Mintage: Tokens: 500; Pins: 800



The Obverse of this year's Hornby Island Trade Token depicts a scene of Hornby Island with an Orca swimming in front, to represent the importance of our resident Orca population. The Reverse features Hornby Island's new K'omoks First Nation Totem Pole, carved by artist Karver Everson, which depicts Thunderbird and Sisiutl, lords of the Upper and Lower worlds, and a Herring beneath signifying the yearly Herring Spawn which vitalizes our sea life: Orcas, Sea Lions, Salmon and countless other varieties of fish and Sea Birds.

The Pole was erected on Hornby Island last August in Helliwell Provincial Park as a token of friendship and memento of the "unceded land of the Pentlatch People" on which our small population resides. The Token Project got the generous permission of the artist to use the totem pole image on this year's issue.

It is a Fundraising Token. Like a \$20 Gift Card, it is fully backed by money in the bank, so can be used with no loss to the merchant. All profits from this project go to the Hornby Island Community Fund, and the visitors and collectors who take them home help support the entire island.

Last year, the first, the Token Project donated \$1,000 to the School Fund (our school burned down last August), and \$1,000 to the Community Fund. This year's token should be a sellout.

Cheers, Jim (jbulmer57@hotmail.com)



TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •

2019-05-09 (Thursday)			2019-05-14 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:02	3.4	11.2	02:53	4.7	15.4
08:23	4	13.1	09:41	2.2	7.2
15:54	0.9	3.0	15:09	3.6	11.8
23:32	4.7	15.4	20:56	2	6.6
2019-05-10 (Friday)			2019-05-15 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height		Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)	PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:16	3.4	11.2	03:32	4.7	15.4
09:15	3.8	12.5	10:26	1.7	5.6
16:45	1	3.3	16:26	3.8	12.5
2019-05-11 (Saturday)			21:58	2.2	7.2
Time	Height		2019-05-16 (Thursday)		
PDT	(m)	(ft)	Time	Height	
00:28	4.7	15.4	PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:38	3.3	10.8	04:09	4.7	15.4
10:28	3.6	11.8	11:08	1.3	4.3
17:43	1.2	3.9	17:32	4.1	13.5
2019-05-12 (Sunday)			22:55	2.5	8.2
Time	Height		2019-05-17 (Friday)		
PDT	(m)	(ft)	Time	Height	
01:20	4.7	15.4	PDT	(m)	(ft)
07:52	3	9.8	04:45	4.7	15.4
12:02	3.5	11.5	11:49	0.9	3.0
18:46	1.5	4.9	18:31	4.4	14.4
2019-05-13 (Monday)			23:50	2.7	8.9
Time	Height				
PDT	(m)	(ft)			
02:09	4.7	15.4			
08:51	2.6	8.5			
13:40	3.5	11.5			
19:52	1.7	5.6			

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

The board of DIRCS (the community hall) is seeking a carpenter/builder to undertake our summer 2019 program of capital upgrades.

We are planning a new set of exterior stairs for the stage exit, and repairs to the south and east sides of the building to repair and improve weatherproofing on that side of the building.

Inside, we are planning to remove the timber stairs in the backhall (raise your hand, those who have not smashed their head on them!) and install a set of collapsing attic steps, along with renovations to the Green Room and other works.

Collectively this all amounts to a fairly significant amount of labour and materials.

We are in the process of preparing a more detailed budget. To discuss the project, contact **Stirling Fraser at 5-1009**.

Thanks, DIRCS Board

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places like Fort St. John that have challenges in staffing. The detachment has both municipal resources and provincial resources. There are 30 police in Courtenay, 11 in Comox, 21 provincial constables, and 7 reserves (retired constables) who do such things as traffic duty or act as call managers. In addition to this are 4 commissionaires, 15 auxiliaries (who may assist at road blocks or do presentations), and 19 public service employees. Their headquarters in Courtenay also houses the 911 call centre which has 64 staff to provide 24x7 response capability and is the emergency planning headquarters for the whole area. To all this must be added the close relationship between the Denman Fire and Emergency Services.

Police keep a vehicle on Denman and can get dock-to-dock from the Big Island in 15 to 20 minutes using their own boat. You shouldn't hesitate to call the police (911) if you think there is a risk to safety, your own or a neighbour or someone else. Response is determined by the dispatcher who takes the call and assigns priority. In short, don't waste time worrying about "bothering" the police. It's just a matter of a phone call.

So far, so good. But Denman has its own issues. First there is the Formula One along East Road through Little Burnaby, and along Lacon. Could the speed limit be dropped? Walking and cycling along East Road has become increasingly dangerous in summer. Sixty miles per hour is awfully fast in a tight zone with pedestrians. But apparently, adjusting speed limits is no easy process going through MOTI (Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure). So, could a large speed-readout showing how fast you are going quell the rush? There, too, the answers are not simple. Police wanted to mount a speed readout on a Hydro pole by the Fire Station along Denman Road, but we learned that Hydro has different policy requirements than MOTI, and there are no agreements to share their poles. The only solution, which has happened elsewhere, is to mount the speed readout on a private pole or one under another jurisdiction. This might involve funding and perhaps political support from the Islands Trust. Otherwise, it was pointed out that simply making eye contact with approaching cars at least alerts drivers that there may be people on the road. If you can get a license plate, police will follow up with the driver, and issue a letter of warning.

passing cars. In the past, BC Ferries has advised drivers to slow down and take their time. Cst. McMillan undertook to contact their regional manager.

There was nothing much new to be said about the Hornby Ferry lineups, which, at one point last year, reportedly stretched all the way back to the Guesthouse. BC ferry flaggers have helped, and MOTI has been over in the last month or two looking at parking issues along East Road, but nothing has been heard back. The frustration of travellers has led to drinking and other behaviours that the police try to monitor. They patrol the ramps to check for liquor and have been known to turn drivers back on Hornby.

The police are also involved in emergency planning. They are, with Search and Rescue, the go-to-people in the event of a major emergency such as an evacuation. The police would be involved in contacting people if communications were down, helping to go house to house. Emergency planning is apparently the only area where police are involved in forward planning with the CVRD despite rapid expansion of population and developments such as the 3000 unit community planned for Union Bay. 🍷

Could there be a sign at the ferries advising drivers that police are active on the island? Probably no one would be fooled, because most people think Denman has no policing, and if the police are about, drivers will be quick to flash their lights alerting



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A NEW SEASON AT THE SATURDAY MARKET by Kerri Boland

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I was wondering how different the Saturday Market would feel this past weekend, what with it being the “official” beginning of the market season. Saturdays at recycling have been busy all winter, and have only got busier as the weather improved, so I wasn’t sure that much would have changed... but the atmosphere certainly felt different. It felt like the beginning of our summer season (which is not to say that many of us wouldn’t happily see some winter weather, as long as it comes with rain), and it was lovely to see so many customers out supporting their local islanders. The market is only going to get busier over the coming weeks, so remember to come early if there’s something specific you want (lots of vendors sold out of many items), and leave that car at home if you can!



One of our new vendors this season is Cheryl Hurlburt, selling her Bliss Bites, in addition to other nutrient dense and super tasty whole foods at the market this season. All of her food is organic, gluten free, raw, vegan, and free of processed sugars. That said, the taste of this food isn’t compromised (the lemon coconut cookies are a favourite of mine), and neither is the texture. Cheryl has loved to cook her whole life, and has been passionate about cooking whole foods for the past 35 years, with a focus on raw food for the past 15 years. 🍓

DENMAN ISLAND FEATURED ON MOOSEMEAT & MARMALADE TV SHOW by Trish Weatherall

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T ravel and cooking show team Art Napoleon and Dan Hayes discovered Denman Island’s “five-mile diet” as they caught Dungeness and Rock crab, harvested oysters and sea asparagus, and shopped at the Denman Island Farmers Market. Filmed in summer of 2018 on Denman Island, BC, Episode 13: Crabs & Oysters of *Moosemeat & Marmalade* aired on May 2nd on APTN (Aboriginal People’s Television Network).



Co-host of APTN’s *Moosemeat & Marmalade* Art Napoleon with Denman Island resident Maxine Matilpi at the Denman Island Farmer’s Market in August 2018.

Photo: Art Napoleon and Maxine Matilpi August 2018.

Now in its fourth season, the show brings two very different chefs together to explore culture, culinary traditions, and really good food throughout Canada and Europe. Dan Hayes is a classically-trained chef from London, England, while Art Napoleon is an indigenous bush cook from the Moberly Lake reserve in Northern BC. “We explore each other’s culture with food,” says Dan.

More than a cooking show, the co-hosts explore food sustainability and food security, traditional cooking, ways to create minimal waste, and show respect for the food sources and communities visited.

The program is a perfect fit for Denman Island values, and local connections were able to make it happen.

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Denman Island resident Hilary Pryor is co-owner of the Moosemeat & Marmalade production company (along with -Art Napoleon), Executive Producer of the series, and director of the Denman Island episode. Hilary relocated to Denman Island from Saanich two years ago.

"We moved to Denman Island because we love the community, the nature, and the shared values of sustainability, respect, and tolerance," she said. "It also fits the values of the show, which include sustainability and reconciliation."

Bringing cultures together through food and laughter is a soft step toward reconciliation, and part of the of the show's success is the chefs' friendly bickering and bantering.

Denman resident Maxine Matilpi, an old friend of Art's, was part of the show, welcoming them at the ferry, hosting them at her home, and taking them to the Farmer's Market.

"The show was so much fun," said Maxine. "I love that they emphasized sustainability and our Farmer's Market and that they pulled together different elements of the community."

Art describes Denman as an 'eco-friendly little island' and refers to the Market as 'the hotspot on every Islander's social calendar.'

Art and Dan met the Farmer's Market Committee Chair Veronica Timmons, who explained the market's goal of Denman feeding Denman.

"We are working to make the Island agriculturally sustainable. We want to be ready and resilient to climate change."

She says the market now has 47 vendors (including seven new additions this year) compared to 12 vendors just four years ago.

"It's a vibrant event and unique experience with our Free Store," she says of the second-hand shop at the Market where everything is free, but patrons can donate if able.

Dan was amazed at the concept, "People just take them – for free!" and walked away with a nice oyster shucker.

He was also impressed by Two Roads Farm's produce, "Sam's vegetables are incredible! They're fresh, vibrant, they are colourful, and they have that sense that they were picked at 5 a.m. with the dew still clinging to them."

And Art gave a shout out to Ima's Kitchen, "Where else are you going to find all this diversity? Including an Israeli-style bakery!"

Denmanite Angus Hayman took them crabbing, where an unprepared Dan caught crab in his boxer shorts, proclaiming that crabbing was very easy, "See them and you catch them!"

Then they harvested oysters with Doug Wright of Lone Pine Farm and foraged sea asparagus on the beach.

To get some local Indigenous culture they visited the Fillongley Park totem pole with Komoks First Nation Elder Mary Everson and her son Andy, who explained that the word Komoks comes from the word for wealth in the Kwakwaka'wakw language. "It's a wealthy area in terms of abundance of resources."

With their Denman Island bounty, the chef's cooked up a final feast for the locals, where Maxine declared the meal a five-mile diet: Muskeg Boiled Crab with Ocean Salad, and Panko-fried Denman Oysters with Asian-inspired local Vegetables, and a Two Ewes white wine from Denman's Corlan Vineyard.

The Denman Island episode of Moosemeat & Marmalade can be viewed online at www.aptn.ca/moosemeatandmarmalade

Producer Hilary says a public presentation of the show for Denman Islanders is in the works. "We hope to do a local viewing of the episode and show some parts that we had to edit out of the 22-minute program time. My first edit was 42 minutes and it was all great, so really hard to decide what to cut out."



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GARDENING TIDBITS *by Teresa Beers*

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Water. There is alot to discuss about water! The preciousness of it, the absolute essentialness of it, the effects of pollution and mismanagement on it, the impacts having too much or too little of it. What I cherish about watering the garden - aside from the life giving element to it, of course - is that it's a time for me to slow down, connect with the Earth and continue to build a relationship with the garden.



There's the practical side to watering - for the health of the plants. Giving the plants their moisture requirements...along with some form of organic compost tea added occasionally. Looking for unwanted bugs...and hand picking as needed. Checking for signs of distress...early intervention is always preferable.

Then there's the added benefit to watering that nourishes our senses - for the health of the waterer. Time to listen to the birds, watch the pollinators, smell the earth, nibble on various edible plants, feel the textures of the plants....and countless other possibilities.

There's the challenge of finding ways to conserve water and maximize water retention. Planting a living mulch, such as sweet alyssum, is a great way to feed smaller beneficials while keeping the soil covered. Along the same lines, companion planting helps the health of the plants and covers bare soil. In perennial gardens, the beautiful visual effects from a carefully planned garden also include the use of ground covers and low mounding plants that shade the soil. And of course, planting drought tolerant plants is an option.

Finally, something to consider...the effects of our thoughts, sounds and intentions on the very structure of water. Dr. Masaru Emoto was a researcher and author who explored and documented the energetic impacts of both 'positive' and 'negative' influences on water's structure. Why not try infusing your watering with a song of gratitude or some beautiful poetry . . . or some good ole love . . .

Happy gardening!

2019 DENMAN ISLAND RECREATIONAL GRANTS

The 2019 CVRD Recreational Grant applications are now available. There is approximately \$18,000 grant money available to Denman Island non-profit organizations that provide sport and fitness related recreation activities. These grants are funded through the CVRD from Denman Island property tax revenues to support the provision of recreation services for Denman residents.

*Applications are available under "R" in the free post at Abraxas Books and online at www.denmanresidents.com. The application deadline is **May 30th, 2019**.*

The Recreation Grants Committee will review all applications. Their recommendations will be presented at the DIRA general meeting June 10, 2019. Questions may be directed to **Jack Forsyth 335-2867**

www.denmanresidents.com (hit the Recreation Application button on the home page)

First off dear readers, I need call attention to the Grapevine's grievous error in last issue's 'Potholing on Denman' article. Getting all the facts straight in our weekly is a road riddled with potholes of its own, it seems.

*That we islanders were able to get anywhere through the month of February is strictly down to Colin Barkley and **Wade Rownd**, not Jeff Kidd, as was reported. I think most of us already knew this, so all the more astonishing to have it slip our notice in printing. Jeff may have put in the call for the road clearing but the job was, of course, carried out by Colin and Wade. Thanks guys!*

Great news sports fans. Your Denman Hashers are back for more slo-pitch!

Right around the time of year when the grass grows, if you strain your ears hard enough, you just might hear the creaks and groans of our local heroes as they limber up in anticipation of another season. Not unlike when you go to the tool shed to fetch the lawnmower for the first time after a long winter, wondering if it's going to start, you may be asking similar questions of our Hashers.

Buck 'The Man' Manly figured he knew the answers to those questions. As such he chose to forego reporting on the season opening double header last Sunday in favour of mowing his lawn. What can I say? We don't pay him very much. Not at all in fact.

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This glyph of a grader is the Grapevine's attempt to right wrongs.. scrape away our mistakes and make truer passages for all our readers... Just



like Colin and **Wade** did through the big snow.

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So it isn't without a hint of irony that as Spitball Wilson, Psyche Ward, Tater Tait, Hipswole Hipwell and the rest of Denman's 'Darlings of the Diamond' were wearing grooves in the base paths over in Union Bay, Buck was navigating Lake Road potholes in search of a loaner lawnmower. It's probably the fuel filter Buck!

Game 1: Slushies 16 - Hashers 12

Game 2: Hashers 14 - Millenials 5

Next games @ Union Bay ballpark, Sunday May 12th, 12 noon and 1:30pm.

FROM THE CROW'S NEST: ARTS&LIT DEPOSITION OF CAPTAIN GRIDLEY *By William Thomas*

*R*aising his voice to be heard over the small noisy mob outside the hearing room, the officer presiding says...

"Gentlemen – excuse me, 'Everyperson' – this hearing is now convened. Captain Gridley. How do you plead to the charges of willful hate speech and reckless disregard for your subordinates' feelings?"

"Amazed, sir. I plead profoundly amazed. And if I may add, appalled."

"You may not. How long have you served as master and commander at sea?"

"Thirty-one years, sir."

"And during that time is it not true that on numerous occasions you gave the order, 'steady as she goes'? Or told the helm to 'meet her' turn with counter-rudder? Or remarked to the mate on 'what a fine little ship she is', noting the grace with which 'she takes the sea'?"

"What...?"

"And how exactly – within the bounds of propriety, of course – do you determine the a ship's gender?"

(sound of a gunshot in the parking lot)

"Ships are a 'she'. Always have been. As former First Sea Lord Admiral West points out, sailors have long regarded their vessel as a sort of mother figure providing succour in horribly frightening storms or battles at sea."

"Some warships are named after cities or men. Isn't that so?"

"Their people still bless their ship's protective feminine traits."

Lastly, the Hornby Island Trade Token is back for a second year! You can read all about it in this very issue. We're excited to support Jim and Barbara's fundraising project and will once again be holding a weekly Quiz Contest through June, July and August where the first correct answer nets a H.I.T.T. Jim tells me that this years edition comes in its own velvet pouch. Nice touch Jim!

Hey, Michelle from Hornby..... you catching this? 🍷

"In other words, captain, any sea-craft may identify as transgender and should be referred to as such."

Captain Gridley's eyes bulge like Popeye's after a massive hit of spinach. "That's preposterous!"

"Captain, this court cautions you against further outbursts. And against denigrating women whilst underway."

"Human women, sir?"

"Don't be daft, man. Female hominids. I trust you know the drill."

"But women – bless 'em all, sir – are not at issue. If I may point out to this inquiry, a ship is not a female *person*. As anyone can plainly see. Maritime traditions matter. *My* feelings matter. Moreover, my wife is thrilled to have even a rather smallish ship named after her."

"You are aware that the Scottish Maritime Museum* is replacing all references to ships in its displays

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with 'it' instead of 'she' after a plaque depicting the steam yacht, *Rifle* saw every mention of 'she' repeatedly defaced."

"Those cowardly Scots have insulted all sailors, thereby forfeiting the designation, maritime museum. Bad enough fathoms have deceptively given way to meters. Now I must call my wife 'it' lest someone worry she's a ship?

"Be that as it may. Henceforth, you will refer to all ships, boats, canoes, kayaks and inflatable duckies with the pronoun, 'zeh'."

"That's not even a word! 'Steady as zeh goes' sounds like I'm drunk. Or Polish." Holds up a hand. "Which I am. Polack, I mean."

"Captain Gridley, you are no such thing. Your birth records indicate..."

"Can if I want," the accused grins grimly. "Polish today. Hedda Hopper tomorrow. Perhaps 'dolphin kin' next weekend. If anything goes, nothing matters. So what are we doing here? Can anyone present say the words, 'ancient Rome'?"

The doors burst open.

BANG! goes the gavel. "This entire culture is adjourned."

*Daily Mail Apr 24, 2019

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TRADE WAR & MORE

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • Originally published May 8th, 2019

Donald Trump is playing hard-ball with China over trade, and the worry-warts are fretting that he's going to start a real trade war by accident. The bigger threat, however, is that he will push first China, and then the whole world, into a deep recession.

It's been ten years since the last recession (2008-09), and that one was a doozy. Recessions tend to come around once a decade, so one is due about now anyway – and the Chinese economy is so shaky that almost any serious shock could topple it into the pit. The rest of the world would follow.

A week ago, according to both sides, the US-China trade deal was almost done, but then (according to Washington) China started to "renege" on parts of the deal they had earlier agreed to. Washington is probably telling the truth about that: it's practically standard in the closing stages of any negotiation with the Chinese government.

So Trump responded by imposing heavy new tariffs on Chinese exports, to come into effect in less than a week's time unless they back off. On Friday, according to his twitter-storm last Sunday, the existing tariff of 10 percent on \$200 billion of Chinese exports to the United States will more than double to 25 percent. Another \$325 billion of currently untaxed Chinese exports to the US will face 25% customs duties "shortly".

Decades of experience in the Manhattan real estate market have taught Donald Trump to recognise the smell of fear, and he is right: the Chinese are terrified. But he knows nothing about trade or the Chinese economy, so he doesn't understand the implications of that. (This is a guy who boasts that the Chinese are having to pay these new tariffs. It is, of course, the American importers who pay.)

The Chinese leaders are terrified because their economy is already trembling on the brink of a major recession. They dodged the last one in 2008 by flooding the economy with cheap credit and setting off an investment boom that kept

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With nobody to photograph
I'm left taking pictures
of my own stool.

You could help spare me
this indignancy
were you willing to sit
on my stool.

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employment high, especially in construction. But that trick only works once.

All four corners of almost every major intersection in the hundred biggest Chinese cities is now occupied by 'dark towers': 40- or 50-storey apartment buildings with few or no occupants. It would take an estimated four years with no new construction whatever to sell off the currently unsold housing stock.

And the building is still going on, albeit at a somewhat slower pace. The vaunted 6% annual growth in the Chinese economy is just creative accounting. At least half of that is actually spending on white elephant projects like the dark towers that create employment, but will never produce an adequate return on investment.

Meanwhile the real Chinese economy (annual growth rate between 2% and 3%) is slowing to a near-stall. Last year, for the first time in a quarter-century, new car sales in China actually fell, by almost 6 percent. A big hit to its exports to the US, its biggest single customer, could tip it over the edge.

China is now such a big player that the rest of the world economy would probably follow it into a recession – and it would be much worse than the usual couple of years of slow or no growth, because none of major players has really recovered from the last recession yet.

The main way governments fight recessions is by cutting the interest rate, but that is still near zero in most big economies from the drastic cuts in interest last time round. Moreover, government debt is much higher than it was a decade ago, and there would be no public support for bailing out the banks with taxpayers' money again.

"We're in much worse shape to deal with whatever shocks come along than we were ten years ago," said Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman in a recent Bloomberg interview. China is in particularly bad shape. Its total

debt, even according to the untrustworthy official figures, is nearing three times its GDP, which is when the alarm bells usually start ringing.

So what happens if Trump's huge tariff hikes do not force an immediate Chinese surrender on whatever issues remain in contention in the trade talks? What if Xi Jinping and his people decide to tough it out rather than lose a lot of face?

What is quite likely to happen is that China slides into a huge recession, dragging the rest of the world behind it. Maybe not as bad as 2008, but very bad, and probably very long.

And something else might happen too. The Chinese version of the 'social contract' is that the power and privileges of the post-Communist autocracy that runs the country will be tolerated as long as people's living standards rise rapidly. But they are already stagnating. How would the Chinese public react if living standards actually begin to fall?

Really badly, in all likelihood. We live in interesting times.

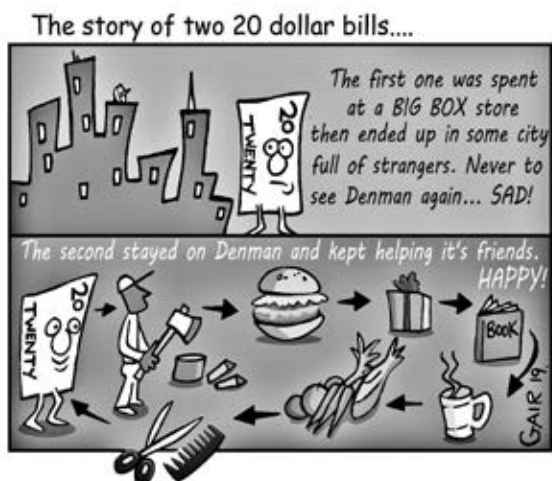


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**DENMAN ISLAND
BAROQUE
FESTIVAL**

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Thursday May 9, 7 pm
Community Hall
Community Baroque Concert
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Saturday May 11, 2.30 pm
Community Hall
"The Fairy Queen"
A semi-opera with music by Henry Purcell
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DENMAN BAROQUE:

MUSIC

THE TUTOR'S CONCERT *By Jim Eisenberg*

If Denman Island was not the perfect venue for a festival of baroque music, (which it most definitely is), the quintet of formidable musicians that constitutes the tutors' ensemble, Contrasto Armonico, would make it so. They shone in a program of Baroque delights at the Tutors' Concert, now it its third year, at Denman Community Hall, on May 6. "Formidable" might be the wrong word because it doesn't conjure the charm that these wonderful musicians exude. Perfectly comfortable on stage, they also make their audience feel comfortable.



Contrasto Armonico

Thanks to the vicissitudes of car batteries, we arrived in the middle of the opening piece, *Trio Sonata in D for flute, violin and basso continuo* by J.J. Quantz. The beautiful larghetto movement made us quickly forget all about

car batteries. During a brief conversation with the performers after the Welcoming Concert on May 4, they indicated that they were uncomfortable about the word "virtuoso", yet Romeo Ciuffa provided brilliant passage work in both the *Sonata in D Minor for recorder and basso continuo* by one W. Williams, and also in George Philipp Telemann's *Trio Sonata in A Major for flute, violin, and basso continuo*.

Marco Vitale found a warmth and arching of phrases on the harpsichord in two works by A. Forqueray. One often thinks of the harpsichord as a "cool" instrument but Signor Vitale heats things up quite a bit. The full, refulgent delicacy of its swelling tones filled me with admiration for this fine instrument, made in Spain for Festival founders Andrew Fyson and Robert Newton.

Enrique Gomez brought an energetic stage presence to Biber's extensive and amusing *Sonata Representiva in A for Violin and Basso Continuo* with its imitations of various creatures, including a nightingale, rooster, and cat. He provided the evening's bright spot of humour with the "Frog" movement which raised considerable laughter.

Marta Semkiw brought fine phrasing and line to the harmonically surprising *Sonata in B Major for Cello and Basso Continuo* by the best known of the evening's composers, Vivaldi. I especially enjoyed the opening Largo, glad to hear the somber mellowness of the cello on its own like a glow from times long past.

Instrumental ensembles usually pick something showy as an encore, but Contrasto Armonico chose G. P. Telemann's *6e Quatuor: Modere*, bringing the program to a warm and satisfying close. 🍷

DENMAN SENIORS & MUSEUM SOCIETY

Summer Job - Archives Assistant,- Denman Museum & Archives

Thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs Program, the Denman Seniors and Museum Society is able to offer an 8-week summer job starting June 1st as an Archives Assistant.

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Candidates must be between 15 and 30 years of age and do not have to be enrolled in an educational institution. The job will require conscientious attention to detail and is an opportunity to learn about digital technology and information management as well as the processing and handling of archival materials.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons

Five years ago, on the occasion of a significant personal anniversary, I sat down in front of my computer and reflected upon some of the issues in my life. Today I have revisited my thoughts, found many of them to still be relevant today, and for the purpose of expediency, updated and whittled them down to a digestible length.

I missed my dad. I don't mean that I miss him - which, by the way I still do - I mean that I *missed* him. I missed finding out about him while he could still share something of himself. Over the years I didn't ask enough questions or ask them persistently enough to get answers. All I know of my father is the little he allowed to rise to the surface, an idea of which can be gleaned from the fact that after over seventy years of life all he ever wrote down about himself was about four or five pages. He barely told us more face to face. He was a lovely man, a generous and a tough man, but he made a sad mistake in this regard. I cannot let the same thing happen to my children.

Looking forward is still fun. My lovely lady and I formulated a plan for our semi-retirement which we managed to bring to fruition. It's a simple idea, but one which fills us with excitement, doing something different and creating a new chapter of our lives together. It is entirely ours, with few echoes of our prior lives. It's an adventure (in a gentle kind of way), and it gives me a great deal of joy to anticipate growing old within our little dream.

I'm fortunate. Not just lucky, but fortunate. I am deeply in love with my lady, and she with me (and that alone is enough to make the world worth living in). Together we have three fantastic children - now adults - of whom we are very proud, and we live in a spectacular part of the world. Despite the different routes that we have taken to get here, we have *made* this happen, without the intervention of luck or any imaginary deity. We've worked

hard to be happy today; we deserve it.

It's not over until it's over. My wife and I lived apart for most of our adult lives. We first got together on

the stroke of new year 1983/4 and became an 'item' within seconds. We were together for nearly three years before we went our separate ways, but as 2008 came towards an end (along with my first marriage) we found one another again - well, to be fair, she hunted me down half a world away. The road between 1986 and now has been...interesting. There have been

a full lifetime's worth of ups, downs and sideways-es in the interim, but I have to say that none of that really matters.



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Dear Mother

by Thomas Provençal

*A mother's gift of sacrifice
Starts with the birthing hour;
Her patient, selfless, loving care
Is servant-leadership power:
Nursing, changing, dressing, rocking,
Guiding through the years;
Listening, scolding, advising, reminding
Through laughter and through tears.
Thank your Mom for your support;
Life is a rocky road.
As I mature I understand
The weight of a parent's load.*

• THE ISLANDS GRAPEVINE •

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45. Dirty

47. Ga. state tree

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53. Bigwig in D.C.
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57. Long handled glasses
59. Filthy stuff
60. Cliff hanger
61. Ancient inscription
62. Being, in philosophy
63. BLT base
64. Actor Sandler

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28. Artificial bait
29. Univ. degree
31. The slammer
32. Air duct

33. Craving
34. Covered with cinders
36. From one side to the other
37. Bones in pelvises
39. Gay cadence
42. Yours truly
44. Chew out
45. Act restless
46. Anemic's supplement
47. Gap in time
48. Mosque leader
49. Flu bug
50. Day or Duke
52. Dickens girl
53. Black-tie accessory
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THE COMING WEEK'S EVENTS

DENMAN ISLAND (DI) HORNBY ISLAND (HI)

THURSDAY 9

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- BAROQUE FEST Community Baroque Concert 7:30pm •
Community Hall(DI)
- HORNBY ISLAND BLUES WEEK • The Hall(HI)

FRIDAY 10

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- BCEH WALKING GROUP 3pm • Central Park(DI)
- HORNBY ISLAND BLUES WEEK • The Hall(HI)
- HI POP-UP MARKET 12-8pm • New Horizons(HI)

SATURDAY 11

- CAP SITE 11-2 pm • Community School(DI)
- BAROQUE FEST "The Fairy Queen" 2:30pm • Community
Hall(DI)
- KEVIN MITCHELL CD Release 7pm • Guesthouse(DI)

SUNDAY 12

- DENMAN UNITED CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)
- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30 am • (DI)



MONDAY 13

- QUILTER'S GUILD 9:30-3 pm • United Church Hall(DI)
- DIRA meeting 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)

TUESDAY 14

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)

WEDNESDAY 15

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DIRCS meeting 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)
- HIRRA meeting 7:30pm • The Hall(HI)

THURSDAY 16

- CAP SITE 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- D.I. FOOD BANK 3-7 pm • Community School(DI)
- DAACs OPEN STAGE 7:30pm • Back Hall(DI)